

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of conducting a competition ~~scoring a sporting event~~ comprising the steps of:

- a) enrolling participants for the competition;
- b) a) determining a number of at least two categories;
- c) b) determining a number of places to be awarded in said number of at least two categories;
- d) e) multiplying said number of said categories by said number of places to be awarded;
- e) conducting the competition and recording the performance of each participant in the competition;
- f) ranking the participants by their performance in the competition and determining a number of participants eligible to be awarded;
- g) d) comparing d) e) with the a number of participants eligible to be awarded and if said number of eligible participants is greater than or equal to d) e);
- h) e) dividing eligible participants by said number of at least two categories to divide said eligible participants into categories; and
- i) f) awarding a participant for each of said number of places to be awarded in each of said categories.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein b) a) and c) b) are determined based on a total number of participants in said competition event.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 2, wherein said number of participants eligible to be awarded does not equal said total number of participants.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of conducting scoring a team roping event, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) enrolling a ~~determining the~~ total number of participating teams;
- b) determining a number of at least two categories and a number of places to be awarded in said number of at least two categories using the following;

Number of Teams Participating in the Event	Number of Categories	Places to be Awarded in each Category
25-50 teams	2 categories	1 place
51-75 teams	3 categories	1 place
76-100 teams	4 categories	1 place
101-125 teams	5 categories	1 place
126-200 teams	5 categories	2 places
201-300 teams	6 categories	2 places
301-400 teams	7 categories	2 places
401-500 teams	8 categories	2 places

- c) multiplying said number of said categories by said number of places to be awarded;
- d) timing participating teams as each team attempts to rope at least one steer;
- e) ranking the participating teams by time and determining a number of teams eligible to be awarded;
- ~~d) allowing the teams to complete the event and determining a number of teams eligible to be awarded;~~
- f) e) comparing c) with a number of teams eligible to be awarded and if said number of eligible teams is greater than or equal to c);

g) ~~f)~~ dividing eligible teams by said number of at least two categories to divide said eligible teams into categories; and

h) ~~g)~~ awarding a participant for each of said number of places to be awarded in each of said categories.